

United States District Court  
Western District of Texas  
Austin Division

United States of America,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

Greg Abbott, in his capacity as Governor of  
the State of Texas, and the State of Texas,

*Defendants.*

No. 1:23-cv-00853-DAE

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**DEFENDANTS' AMENDED INITIAL DISCLOSURES**

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TO: Plaintiff, the United States of America, by and through its attorney of record Landon A. Wade, Assistant United States Attorney, U.S Attorney's Office Western District of Texas, 903 San Jacinto Blvd. Suite 334, Austin, Texas 78701.

Defendants, Gregory Abbott, in his official capacity as the Governor of Texas, and the State of Texas (collectively "Defendants") serve the following Amended Initial Disclosures.

Date: June 12, 2024

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**Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 26(a)(1)(A)(i):**

The name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have discoverable information—along with the subjects of that information—that the disclosing party may use to support its claims or defenses, unless the use would be solely for impeachment.

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**35.** Defendants incorporate by reference the names and personal identifying information of all individuals who have made sworn declarations to the trial court, *see generally* Pl. Mtn. P.I. Ex. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; D. Resp. P.I. Ex. A, B, C, and any other individual identified by Plaintiff in their initial or disclosures on or before June 17, 2024.